

## City’s Planning Board to Favor Craftstar Southcore Site Plan

by Thomas X. White

At the conclusion of its third meeting addressing a proposed revision for the approved detailed site plan for the South Core development in Greenbelt West, the Greenbelt Advisory Planning Board (APB) on August 19 took a straw vote on a modified proposal by the builder. By a vote of five to two, the Board gave APB Chairman George Branyan the go-ahead to prepare a report recommending to the Greenbelt City Council that covenants entered into between the project developers and the city in 2006 be changed to reflect modifications offered by the builder, Craftstar Homes.

The APB action relates only to 151 rear-loading townhomes proposed for the project. It does not cover additional front-loading townhomes, condominiums, rental apartments and retail that comprised the South Core development approved in 2006.

Throughout the APB review, the sticking points have been Greenbelt Planning and Community Development staff concerns that the Craftstar proposal represented a departure from the architectural design and elevations of the original Pulte proposal and the different treatments of the uniform alleyway between the townhome rows that had been designed to prevent homeowners from parking cars on the rear

driveway.

A third issue was the status of several covenant, development and annexation agreements between the Metroland, LLC developers and the city that were linked to the South Core development’s going forward. The culmination of those agreements has been delayed by the downturn in overall development activity caused by the present economic recession and the decision by Pulte Homes to drop their plans for the South Core.

### Other Hurdles

APB members recognized several additional hurdles that the developers and Craftstar would have to overcome to secure the city’s approval of the project, including the potential operation of Greenbelt’s obligations under the Tax Incremental Financing (TIF) agreement entered into with the developers that would provide city financing of the proposed north-south connector road from Greenbelt Road to the South Core project.

Since the projected Craftstar sales prices for their 151 town homes are estimated in the \$300,000 to \$350,000 range, as opposed to the Pulte-proposed project estimated in the \$600,000 range, the city will have to assess the projected revenue from the sale of homes at their new price levels to assure that the projected

tax revenue can support the projected infrastructure costs for the project.

The TIF process allows for municipal/county financing for infrastructure in which the projected added property tax revenues from the project pay for the financing, presumably with no net cost to existing city taxpayers. This TIF and infrastructure issue is further complicated by the failure (up to now) of Prince George’s County to fulfill their TIF commitments.

Fulfillment of these commitments would be needed for completion of the north-south connector road to the Metro, the proposed Metro parking structure to replace the existing Metro surface parking and the proposed new Beltway access ramp to the Metroland project from the east.

In addition, several developer commitments are included in a 2006 agreement between the city and the developers that are tied to the South Core. These include \$25,000 for design of a recreational facility serving the South Core residents; a deed/transfer to the city of land from the developers for the proposed “town green” that would extend eastward from the townhome project toward the state-owned conservation area adjacent to Cherrywood Lane and a developer commitment to assist in

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## Hruby Presents an Update On Stream Valley Project

by Thomas X. White

Terri Hruby, the city’s assistant planner, updated council on August 10 on the longstanding project to improve the stream course that handles storm water surface flow to the stream valley park between the Lakewood and Woodland Hills communities and eventually empties into Greenbelt Lake. This proposed project is one of several incremental improvements the city has been making to improve overall water quality for the Lake. This item has been on council’s agenda for the past three years.

In September 2007 council unanimously voted to support concept plans prepared by Environmental Systems Analysis, Inc. (ESA) for the stream restoration project and directed staff to proceed with final design and printing. Hruby’s presentation updated council on the progress of the project and described changes in the design elements.

She noted the addition of a proposed Coastal Plain Outfall, a relatively new technique providing infiltration capabilities to the overall strategy, lessening flows to the lake. She also noted a slight redesign of the stream bank slopes in certain areas to reduce the impact on trees in the

project area.

The tree impacts had been noted during a February 2009 council tour of the project area. City staff recognized these tree impacts but feel that when the overall environmental value of the project is weighed against the loss of the trees, the project as proposed is worthy of implementation.

Nearby residents had been invited to a walk of the project area in April and though some residents expressed concern about the tree loss, the overall tone of the walk was positive. According to the project documents, up to 51 trees may be lost. Of these 51, three trees may be able to be saved.

### Project Elements

Hruby described the elements of the project as a series of engineering techniques along the stream course that include stabilization of the banks and construction of an improved outfall and a plunge pool, part of the coastal plain outfall. Concrete rubble would be removed and so-called step pools would moderate the energy of the stream flow.

Hruby also noted that the city

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## Fifteen City Council Hopefuls Now Have Nomination Papers

by Elaine Skolnik

Fifteen registered Greenbelt voters have already obtained nomination petitions showing interest in becoming candidates in the upcoming city council election on Tuesday, November 3. For the first time the city electorate will choose a seven-member council instead of the traditional five-member council, the policy-making body of Greenbelt. The deadline for filing nomination petitions is Monday, September 21 at 5 p.m.

The increase from five to seven councilmembers was the result of an election change generated by an October 2008 letter to the city from the American Civil Liberties Union and the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. The organizations threatened legal action unless the city addressed the lack of minority representation on existing councils.

In response the city scheduled some 10 public forums in various sections of the Greenbelt community. As a result the current council enacted a charter amendment enlarging the size of the

city council to seven members.

Potential candidates must return their petitions by September 21 to City Clerk Cindy Murray, Greenbelt Municipal Building, 25 Crescent Road. She will verify whether names on the individual petitions (50 names on each) are registered to vote and are Greenbelt residents.

### Potpourri

The city has mailed out an election newsletter to residents which can also be found on the city’s website, [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov). The site also contains a chart of important election deadlines and dates as well as the candidate’s packet and other information.

Beginning with the 2009 election, the City of Greenbelt will elect a seven-member council every other year. The mayor and mayor pro tem are chosen by the city council at the organizational meeting following the election. Members of council are elected at large, “with the highest vote-getter traditionally being selected as mayor and the second highest as mayor pro tem.”



For your convenience,  
a copy of the  
**Labor Day Festival  
Program is included  
as an insert  
in this week's newspaper.**  
Keep it on hand and make  
plans to have a great time!

### What Goes On

**Monday, August 31  
8 p.m.,** City Council Work-session with County Board of Elections, Municipal Building. Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming Live at [www.greenbeltnmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltnmd.gov)  
**Tuesday, September 1  
7 p.m.,** Arts Advisory Board, Greenbelt Community Center  
**Thursday, September 3  
7:30 p.m.,** GHI Board of Directors Meeting, GHI Board Room  
**Friday, September 4  
6:30 to 7:15 p.m.,** Opening Ceremonies for the Labor Day Festival

## Middle School Construction Set to Begin January 2010

by Amy S. Hansen

Construction on the new Greenbelt Middle School (GMS) is expected to start January 2010, Prince Georges County Public Schools (PGCPS) officials announced at a public hearing Monday, August 10 in the GMS gymnasium.

The plans and schematics for the new school were displayed and distributed to the 50 people in attendance. Gene Delmar of Delmar Architects of Olney, the architect for the new school, went over the plans in detail. Then he and school officials fielded questions about capacity, appropriate environmental considerations, access and the schedule of the building construction.

The new building is expected to be a replacement building, with the capacity to house 990 students. Current GMS enrollment is 820.

According to Derek Mitchell, executive director of the New and Charter Schools Office, the new middle school will not be expected to have the capacity to accept sixth grade students from any of its feeder schools that are not already sending sixth graders.

Currently the elementary feeder schools for GMS are Greenbelt, Berwyn Heights, Springhill

Lake, Paint Branch, Magnolia and Hollywood. Only Springhill Lake Elementary sends sixth graders to GMS.

When asked about future capacity to deal with planned housing growth in Greenbelt West, Mitchell pointed out that the new school will already be a big school. “Schools of over 1,000 are not good schools,” he said, so GMS should not be expanded to meet future enrollment. Rather PGCPS would need to come up with other solutions, such as building more schools.

### The New Building

The new building will be on the land already owned by the school system. The current building is located at the corner of Greenbelt and Edmonston Roads. The new one will front on Breezewood Drive in what is now a wooded part of the property.

The plan is to build the new school while the old school is still in place. Once the new building is completed, the non-historic part of the old building will be torn down, leaving the gym, music rooms and a few classrooms of the original building.

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# Letters to the Editor

## Archives Touch

For the first time today (and I have accessed the website on previous occasions) I was able to connect with your website and access the archives. For someone who has been absent and somewhat estranged from Greenbelt for a very long time, the experience was touching. Not only was I able to read the local news, important to me because of the recent loss of my mother but your historical notice at the very bottom of the website pertained to some incidents that were of key interest and activity in my family. My parents were involved in the Bresler development issues and an article written by my father, Gordon, was in one of the links. Even better, it was on the same page as a photo of one of our dear friends, Al Herling. As a child Al treated me with particular doting and I have very fond memories.

So thank you for the site and the archives and the history; thank you for a poignant memory.

Margaret (Meg) L. Allen

## Where Are My Rights?

Twenty-six years ago I really looked forward to making my home in Greenbelt. At the time I was quite blissfully unaware of the “power spell” that seems to take over the machinations of the mind when it comes to decisions of community, health, fairness and reality when addressing problems regarding trees.

Imagine my delight at having the choice of five units in Charlestowne Village Condominiums. As I suffer from periods of severe depression and failing eyesight I chose the lightest and brightest home to purchase. The American dream of the pursuit

of happiness seemed a possibility. My constitutional rights ensured!

Then the Charlestowne Village Board proceeded to plant 10 trees in the front and back of my once-sunny home. Mannerly requests to discuss the changes in my living conditions due to the board’s decision to plant so many trees around personally-purchased homes without concern for the effects on the living conditions of the residents’ internal conditions, ach!

What to do? I am saddened, angry that my wishes have been so negated. Where are my rights? My life’s savings have been invested in my home.

The opinion of one and all is welcome, particularly those of anyone that can explain why someone can change landscaping to affect living conditions in a home.

All suggestions gratefully received.

Pauline Grant

## Leafletting Cars

Would you vote for them?

Twice in less than two weeks, the vehicles in the parking lots at Greenbriar have had fliers placed on them by a candidate for Greenbelt City Council.

Greenbriar signs posted at every entrance to parking areas state that no solicitation is allowed.

Now, would you vote for a candidate that so obviously ignores the law?

I am sure that person is not out there personally putting the fliers on the cars but they are responsible for knowing what the people working for their election are doing.

This person is very close to me not caring what they will work for or what their history is.

Laneta Dawaf

## “School Max” Fails

As school doors opened on Monday across the county, many high school students were without their individual class schedules, according to Prince George’s County Public Schools. At Eleanor Roosevelt on Monday about 600 students were sitting in the auditorium, waiting. By Wednesday afternoon the number was reduced to 350.

The problems are the result of a new computer system known as School Max. Schools Superintendent Dr. William R. Hite, Jr., said “We are working with the vendor to find a solution and have deployed central office staff to affected high schools to assist with registration and scheduling.”

According to a Washington Post story yesterday, “A Facebook group with more than 3,700 members formed to exchange complaints.”

## Genealogical Society Meets September 2

Beginning with the meeting September 2, Prince George’s County Genealogical Society monthly meetings will be held at the New Carrollton Municipal Center, 6016 Princess Garden Parkway, New Carrollton. The group will no longer meet at the Greenbelt Library.

Monthly meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month, beginning at 7 p.m. with a short business meeting and a refreshment break followed by a relevant presentation. The upcoming presentations are: “What Do They Mean By That?” by Charles S. “Chuck” Mason on Wednesday, September 2 and “Researching in New Jersey and New York City” by Sharon Hodges on Wednesday, October 7. All meetings are open to the public and there is no charge.

For additional information and directions see [www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs](http://www.rootsweb.com/~mdpgcgs).

Grin Belt

“I'm teeing these as if I am on vacation.”

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## Boy Choir Holds Auditions Sunday

The Maryland Boy Choir will hold auditions for its upcoming season on Sunday, August 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the University of Maryland’s Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center in College Park.

Boys ages 8 and up with unchanged voices are eligible to audition. Ideal candidates are boys who are interested in becoming part of an excellent musical ensemble; previous singing experience and music-reading skills are not prerequisites. The choir rehearses during the school year

on Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center.

The Maryland Boy Choir has performed in most of the major concert venues in the Washington metropolitan area, has toured in the U.S. and Europe and won a Grammy award in 2000. Many young men from Greenbelt have been members of the choir over the years. To schedule a 15-minute audition call the choir’s new director Brian Gendron at 540-239-9081 or send an email to [auditions@marylandboychoir.org](mailto:auditions@marylandboychoir.org).

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Greenbelt Community Center at 15 Crescent Rd.  
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Send us a letter to share with your neighbors about your observations, concerns, gripes and accolades regarding local issues.

Letters must contain your name, address and phone number.

## OLD GREENBELT THEATRE WEEK OF AUG 28

Julie & Julia (PG-13)

### Friday

\*5, 7:30, 9:50

### Saturday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30, 9:50

### Sunday

\*2:30, \*5, 7:30

### Monday - Thursday

\*5, 7:30

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## A Note to Our Advertisers

Planning ahead for Labor Day weekend – next Friday, September 4 is the last business day before Labor Day. To be in the September 10 paper, all ads and copy must reach us before the end of the day Tuesday, September 8. Since we will be closed on Monday, September 7 submission of ads and copy that day will not be possible, leaving many of our contributors needing to submit copy and materials on Friday, September 4 or no later than Tuesday morning, September 8.

## NOTICE TO GHI MEMBERS



### PRELIMINARY AGENDA

## GHI BOARD OF DIRECTORS’ MEETING

Thursday, September 3, 2009

GHI BOARD ROOM, 7:30 PM

### GHI Key Agenda Items:

- Reverse Share Loan Proposal
- Skylight Committee Report
- Proposed Skylight Replacement in Gardenside Addition, 13S Hillside
- Buildings Committee Report
- Addition Maintenance Addendum to the Mutual Ownership Contract
- Underground Utility Contract Additional Sites – 1st Reading
- 2009 Garage Door Replacement Contract – 2nd Reading
- Underground Utility Lining Contract – 2nd Reading
- Compressed Work Week Report
- Holiday Schedule
- Request for Contributions:
  - Cooperative Development Foundation
  - NASCO
  - Labor Day Festival

Regular Board meetings are open to Members  
For more information, visit our website - [www.ghi.coop](http://www.ghi.coop)



# Community Events

## Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for August 31 through September 4 include:

Monday – Orange juice, baked tilapia fish with lemon butter, brown rice, green beans, fresh apple.

Tuesday – Grape juice, Italian sausage on a roll with green peppers and onions, penne pasta with tomato sauce, chopped collards, fruit cocktail.

Wednesday – Creamy broccoli soup, turkey on wheat with mustard and mayo, lettuce and tomato salad, green pea salad with onions, fresh banana.

Thursday – Cranberry juice, Swedish meatballs with gravy, wide egg noodles, green beans, pineapple tidbits.

Friday – Grape juice; hamburger/hot dog on a bun with mustard, relish, ketchup; coleslaw; potato salad; sliced watermelon.

## At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, September 1, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, September 2, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, September 3, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children’s Desk.

## GHI Notes

Thursday, August 27, 8 p.m., Member Input Session: 2010 Budget Preparations – Board Room

Monday, August 31, 7:15 p.m., Pre-purchase Orientation – Board Room

Note: the Member & Community Relations Committee meeting scheduled for Sept. 1 has been cancelled.

Wednesday, September 2, 7 p.m., New Member Coffee Social – Board Room

Thursday, September 3, 7:30 p.m., Board Meeting – Board Room

Friday, September 4, Offices Closed – Emergency maintenance available by calling 301-474-6011.

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

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## Help Pull Invasives From Greenbelt Park

The public is invited to assist staff at Greenbelt Park in removing invasive plants from the property on the first Saturday of every month. The activity provides an opportunity to learn about native and non-native plants while contributing to a hands-on preservation effort.

Participants will meet in the Sweetgum Picnic Area of the park at 11 a.m. on Saturday, September 5 and are encouraged to wear appropriate clothing and work gloves and to bring water and a snack. Tick repellent is also suggested. The park entrance is located at 6565 Greenbelt Road between Kenilworth Avenue and the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. For more information call 301-344-3944 or visit [www.nps.gov/gree](http://www.nps.gov/gree).

## Labor Day Weekend GTA Tennis Social

The annual Greenbelt Tennis Association (GTA) Labor Day weekend social will be held at the Greenbriar Condominium Association Tennis Courts, 7600 Hanover Parkway on Saturday, September 5 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, September 6. The free social is hosted by the Greenbriar Condominium Association.

The weekend will start with games of doubles tennis. Compatible players will be matched. Non-players are welcome to come and watch. The social is open to all, with bagels, fresh fruit and drinks; participants are invited to bring a dish to share.

Those planning to attend are asked to RSVP at the GTA website, <http://greenbelt.com/tennis> or just show up on Saturday morning.

## Astronomical Star Parties this Weekend

On Saturday, August 29 the Astronomical Society will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 8:15 p.m.

The society will hold a sidewalk astronomy party on Sunday, August 30 near the New Deal Café at Roosevelt Center. Members will begin to set up at approximately 7 p.m.

In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the events will be cancelled without notice.

Visit [www.greenbeltastro.org/events/shhtml](http://www.greenbeltastro.org/events/shhtml).

## Women’s BB Team Champs in Montreal

After winning gold medals in Montreal on July 4, Herbert Allen has reignited women’s basketball in Greenbelt.

Thursday nights from 8 to 10 p.m. have now been designated “Ladies Night” at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Allen has been coaching basketball teams for over 30 years. However he usually dealt with AAU or men’s basketball teams.

Three years ago he began the Herbert Allen 3-on-3 Outreach Program at Springhill Lake Recreation Center and found the girls were just as competitive as the guys. Last year three middle-school girls won the entire tournament and from that moment he was both convinced and hooked. After hearing about Allen’s coaching experience, Rev. Greg Carter and Rev. Joseph Taylor approached Allen about having one of his men’s teams represent the United States in the Montreal Tournament. Allen replied, “Sure, but I would love to bring the women’s team as well.” The rest is history.

In the end the men’s team from Greenbelt wasn’t able to attend. The women, including five Springhill Lake residents, did. The women lost to the returning Canadian champs by 2 points during the first round, only to come back and beat them in the championship by the same 2-point margin. The “Greenbelt Lady Raiders” became the first women’s team from the U.S. to win the gold in this Canadian Summer Tournament. Allen was thrilled to share this moment with the team; he said that they really deserved it. He’s also looking forward to returning to Canada for a repeat.

Springhill Lake Recreation Center is at 6101 Cherrywood Lane. Ladies Night participants will need to purchase a recreation facility ID. For more information call Allen at 301-397-2212.

## GEAC Meets

The September meeting of the Greenbelt East Advisory Committee will be held Thursday, September 3 at 7:30 p.m. at Hunting Ridge.

## Board Member Sought For Farmers Market

The Greenbelt Farmers Market is seeking a volunteer to fill a vacancy on its Board of Directors, effective immediately. It is particularly in need of an officer who is interested in and familiar with one or more of the following: agriculture and farming practices, grant writing or fundraising.

Board members generally meet at least twice per month and conduct business between meetings via email. Some Sunday availability is also necessary. Interested candidates should submit a letter describing why they are interested in serving on the board and what they feel their contributions would be.

## Free Music at Café For Upcoming Week

Thursday, August 27 from 7 to 9 p.m., the New Deal Café will host an open microphone session with the Songwriters Association of Washington.

On Friday, August 28 from 6:30 to 8 p.m. John Guernsey of Takoma Park will play jazz and blues piano. He is scheduled to play every Friday and Saturday. The 8 to 11 p.m. slot will feature Banjer Dan and Matemar Mbira from Zimbabwe.

Saturday, August 29 from 8 to 11 p.m. will feature Rio Garage playing Bossa Nova. Sunday, August 30 from 5 to 8 p.m., The Lonesome Pine will play bluegrass. Tuesday, September 2 from 7 to 9 p.m. Delmark Goldfarb will play folk rock.

On Thursday, September 3 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be an open microphone session with Mary Edwards.

On Labor Day weekend during the Festival, Saturday, September 5 from 1 to 2 p.m. will feature Steve Pollack, followed by Art McKinney’s jazz jam from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, September 6 Jim Stinson will play the lute from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. and the Tom Reyes Jazz Trio will play from 2 to 5 p.m.

For more information visit the Café website at [www.newdealcafe.com](http://www.newdealcafe.com) or call Chef Karim Kmaiha at 301-474-5642.

## Buddy Attick Funds Approved by State

The State Board of Public Works has approved the City of Greenbelt’s request for \$225,000 in Program Open Space funds for Buddy Attick Park Master Plan improvements. Projected work includes redesign of the current parking lot, park signage, landscaping and bioretention areas. Use of innovative materials, such as rain gardens and native plantings aims to minimize environmental impact. No date has been set to proceed.

## Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall  
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301-220-1155  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.  
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Children: \$6.00  
ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON  
ON SATURDAY \$5.00  
ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.  
Adults: \$8.50  
Students/Military: \$7.50  
Children: \$6.00  
Seniors: \$6.50  
R = ID Required  
(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

## Week of AUG 28

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Post Grad, PG-13  
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The Final Destination, R (!)  
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G.I. Joe: Rise of Cobra, PG-13  
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Inglourious Basterds, R (!!)  
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Ponyo, G (!)  
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## Lions Club Bikes & Trikes Labor Day Parade

Meet at Mother & Child statue  
9:30AM

Prizes awarded for best decorations

## Greenbelt Arts Center

### Othello

Written by William Shakespeare  
Adapted and directed by Bill Jones  
2009 Shakespeare-On-The-Green

Sat, Aug 29, 2009 at 5pm;  
Sun Aug 30, 2009 at 2pm and 5pm;  
on the green in front of the theater.  
Sat Sep 5, 2009, at 12, 2, and 4pm;  
and Sun Sep 6, 2009, at 2pm;  
inside the theater.

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COMING SOON: TWO GENTLEMEN OF VERONA: 9/4 - 9/19 & BUS STOP: 9/25 – 10/17



# Obituaries

## Jonathan Allen Laster

Former resident Jonathan Allen Laster, 54, of Lynchburg, Va., died of cancer Sunday, August 23, 2009, at his home.

Born December 23, 1954, in Ithaca, N.Y., he was the son of Miriam Sargeant Laster of Norway, Maine, and the late Howard Joseph Laster. The family lived in Greenbelt (at 15 Ridge Road and on Lakeside Drive) from 1956 through Jonathan's high school graduation, which was about 1972.

He was a machinist with Alliance Industrial Corp. Mr. Laster was an avid runner and hiker on the local trails and was a former national and world champion slot car racer.

Mr. Laster came to Greenbelt with his mother and sisters last May to visit old friends and places.

In addition to his mother, he is survived by three sisters, Lisa Laster of Stockholm, Sweden, Jenny Genser of Arlington, Va., and Sally Hudson of Long Valley, N.J.; and several nieces and nephews.

Interment will be held at a later date in Norway, Maine. Those wishing to make memorial contributions are asked to consider the Natural Bridge Appalachian Trail Club (NBATC), P.O. Box 3012, Lynchburg, VA 24503.

Condolences to the family may be made at [www.whittenfuneralhome.com](http://www.whittenfuneralhome.com). Arrangements are being handled by Whitten Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, Timberlake Chapel.

## How to Sustain Garden Practices

At the U.S. National Arboretum on Tuesday, September 1 from 10 a.m. to noon, Dr. Steven Windhager will explain a new initiative that will provide guidelines and benchmarks for gauging the success of sustainable practices in landscapes. Windhager serves on the steering committee and as technical advisor for this developing free program. Registration is required; call 202-245-4521.

## Talking Up Herbs

How to stock an ideal herb pantry and how to use herbs will be discussed at a free drop-in session in the National Herb Garden of the U.S. National Arboretum on Saturday, September 12 from 1 to 4 p.m. It is presented by the Mason Dixon Unit of the Herb Society of America. The Arboretum is at 3501 New York Avenue, N.E., Washington, D.C. Call 202-245-2776 or visit [www.usna.usda.gov](http://www.usna.usda.gov).



We were sorry to hear of the death of Jonathan Laster of Lynchburg, Va., who grew up on Lakeside Drive. He died August 23, 2009, at the age of 54.

Greenbelters were also saddened to learn of the death of centenarian Florence Holly on August 25, 2009.

Congratulations to Dante A. Dozier, son of Michelle Dozier of Greenbelt and Anthony Harvin of Kettering, who graduated from Air Force Basic Military Training on August 20. The 2007 Eleanor Roosevelt graduate is now at Keesler AFB in Missouri where he is attending technical school to become an air traffic controller.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We'd especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village). To send information for "Our Neighbors" email us at [news-review@greenbelt.com](mailto:news-review@greenbelt.com) or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

— Kathleen McFarland



## Mid-week Bird Walk

On Thursday, September 3 at 3 p.m. take a guided bird walk around Lake Artemesia sponsored by the Prince George's Audubon Society. Look for migrating and resident songbirds, waterfowl and other bird flyovers on the Luther Goldman Birding Trail.

This paved walk loops around the 38-acre lake and alongside Indian Creek. Meet at the parking lot at Berwyn Road and Balew Ave. in Berwyn Heights. The walk is for beginners and experts alike. Binoculars are suggested and this event is free.

Call 301-459-3375 for more information.

## CARES

Liz Park, Maryland Youth Services Bureau chair and director of Greenbelt CARES, hosted a site visit for Steve McCullough, legislative budget analyst, and Nicki Sandusky, staff member for the House Appropriations Committee, on Wednesday, August 12 at the Northwest Baltimore Youth Services Bureau. Families who had received services spoke about their experiences with and the benefits of the services.

## Memorial Service for Elizabeth Allen

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, August 29 for Elizabeth (Betty) Allen, who died August 13, 2009. The service will be held on Saturday, August 29 at 1 p.m. at Paint Branch Unitarian Universalist Church, 3215 Powder Mill Road in Adelphi.

## Memorial Service for Florence Holly

Florence Holly died August 25, 2009.

A memorial service will be held at Holy Cross Lutheran Church on Saturday, September 12 at 11 a.m. A private committal service for family will be held at a different time.

An obituary will appear in a later issue.

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An 83-year-old woman is in stable condition after she was trapped in her vehicle. She had lost control of her car on Crescent Road in near the Community Center on Wednesday afternoon. Around 1 p.m. units from the Greenbelt and Berwyn Heights Fire Departments were alerted to a reported motor vehicle accident with a car overturned and a person trapped on Crescent Road. Firefighters from Berwyn Heights Squad 14 were able to free the trapped woman within 10 minutes. She was transported to a local hospital and is currently believed to have non-life threatening injuries.

The accident is under investigation by Greenbelt Police.

- photos by Jim Davis



### B-W Parkway Plans Include Repaving

In an August 21 letter to Greenbelt City Councilmember Leta Mach, Greenbelt Park Manager Fred Cunningham described future plans for the Baltimore-Washington Parkway. That portion of the Parkway between the Route 50 exchange near the District of Columbia line and Maryland Route 175, south of Baltimore, is under National Park Service jurisdiction.

Cunningham refers to two rumors concerning future development of the Parkway – the desire of the State of Maryland to increase the number of lanes and a suggestion to make the Parkway a toll road. Neither is “something that we could support,” Cunningham said.

“We work with the Federal Highway Administration when planning any major rehabilitation or repair projects on the Parkway,” Cunningham’s letter says. He refers to plans to repave the entire federal portion of the roadway as well as to remove and replace chain link fencing both northbound and southbound near Greenbelt.

Currently guardrails are being installed in the median in certain areas of the Parkway following a safety study that showed a number of crossover traffic injuries and fatalities with vehicles leaving one side of the Parkway and striking others in the opposite lanes.

– Virginia Beauchamp

### City Notes

Animal Control responded to two wildlife calls and took one injured bird to rehab. A dog running at large was returned to its owner and a kitten was found and taken into custody. Staff followed up on two bite reports and responded to one pitbull complaint.

Public Works special details staff activated power to the school crosswalk flashers and removed unauthorized signs and graffiti from around the city.

Refuse and Recycling collected 32.17 tons of refuse and 14.05 tons of co-mingled recyclables.

Facilities Maintenance crews met with Pepco staff to discuss the installation of new power lines for an emergency call box on Metro Drive, made plumbing repairs to the restrooms at the Springhill Lake Recreation Center, worked on the new Boys and Girls Club storage facility at Braden Field and worked with the contractor after hours repairing showers at the Aquatic and Fitness Center.



# City Information

#### MEETINGS FOR AUGUST 31-SEPTEMBER 4

Monday, August 31 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION**, with County Board of Elections, at Municipal Building Live on Verizon 21, Comcast 71 and Streaming live at [www.greenbeltmd.gov](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov).

Tuesday, September 1 at 7:00pm, **ARTS ADVISORY BOARD**, at Greenbelt Community Center.

*This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov).*

#### VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

**Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.**  
Vacancies exist on the: Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board, Public Safety Advisory Committee For more info call 301-474-8000.

**Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Ctr.**



#### MOM’S MORNING OUT Preschool Registration

This traditional pre-school program focuses on providing activities which encourage social development, gross motor skills, and listening to and following instructions. Children must be fully potty trained before they are eligible to register. For more information please call the Greenbelt Recreation Department at 301-397-2200.

#### Class Information:

Ages 4-5, M/W/F 9:00am-1:00pm/Youth Center  
37 Classes: 9/14 - 12/18 (No Class 9/28, 11/11, 11/23, 11/25, 11/27)  
Resident: \$592, Non-Resident: \$740

Ages 3-4, Tu/Th 9:00am-12:00pm/Youth Center  
26 Classes: 9/15 - 12/17 (No Class 11/24, 11/26)  
Resident: \$312 Non-Resident: \$390

#### CITY ELECTION INFORMATION ELECTION CLERKS NEEDED

The City of Greenbelt Board of Elections is seeking several residents who would be willing to serve as election officials on November 3, 2009, from 6 a.m. until about 9 p.m. Clerks must also attend a training session on November 2 from 7:00 p.m. until about 9 p.m.

This is a rewarding experience for anyone who is interested in the political process and would like to play an active role in the local election. There is a stipend of \$135, plus a training fee of \$25.

There may also be a need for additional clerks to assist in the counting of absentee ballots. This job would entail working for two or three hours in the late afternoon/early evening of November 3. No preliminary training is necessary. The pay for absentee ballot clerks is \$35.

To apply, please visit the City offices to submit an application, or call or e-mail Cindy Murray, City Clerk, at 301-474-8000 or [cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov](mailto:cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov) to request a form. You may also print out the form from the City Web site.

#### AQUATIC AND FITNESS CENTER

Adult Water Exercise Classes  
& Registration Dates  
Open Registration for:  
**Summer Session III: August 31 - September 25**  
Register in person at the Greenbelt Aquatic & Fitness Center. 101, Centerway, or online at [www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/reclink.htm](http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/recreation/reclink.htm)

#### GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

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**The Greenbelt Animal Shelter is in need of cat litter, dishwasher soap and laundry detergent donations. Please bring donations to the Animal Shelter at 550-A Crescent Road. Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.**  
For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

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#### RECREATION CLASS – BASIC VEGAN CUISINE

Students will fully participate in preparing and cooking naturally delicious and exceptionally nutritious vegan recipes. New, uncomplicated recipes will be introduced each week. All cooking supplies and food are included in the fees. Come prepared to cook! Session focus is light weight vegan stews, vegetables and wraps. Tu 7:00pm-9:00pm, 9/15 - 10/6, Ages 15-Adult, Residents \$50, Non-resident \$62.50, Greenbelt Community Center for more info 301-397-2208

Senior Citizen Advisory Committee presents:  
**ANNUAL SENIOR CITIZEN OPEN FORUM**  
Saturday, September 12, 2009  
1:00-3:00 p.m.  
Greenbelt Community Center  
Multi-purpose Room, Room 201

This is your opportunity to speak and be heard about issues relating to seniors in Greenbelt.





The Mary Shaver Band returns to the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival stage on Saturday, September 5 from 7:30 to 11 p.m. to perform their own blend of sweet soul and blues.

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the funding of a proposed roundabout traffic circle at Cherrywood Lane and Metro Access Drive.

This last commitment is currently in default as of May 2009. Garth Buehl, representing the Metroland developers, assured the APB that he had sent a letter to the city on August 19 covering those commitments. Buehl promised at earlier meetings with APB to update the city by letter.

### Storm Water Plan

Another complicating factor was added at the August 19 meeting with the announcement by the developer’s representative and Craftstar that the storm water management plan (SWMP) for the project approved at the time of the Detailed Site Plan (DSP) approval in 2006 may be superseded by new county legislation that goes into effect in May 2010.

Some APB members felt this might have been a wedge issue on the part of the developers to urge quicker action on the proposed revision to the DSP. Other members saw this SWMP as a possible improvement from a storm water management and environmental standpoint.

It was clear the developers saw the SWMP changes as adding development costs to the overall project and that they would like to acquire permits for the proposed project before the May 2010 deadline. Both APB staff and members were surprised by the SWMP news.

### Design Features

In discussing design plans for the 151 town homes, the APB considered the good faith efforts by Craftstar to address architectural elevations, uniform alley widths and other design features of the townhomes trying to meet the design elements of the original Pulte project. There was recognition all along that Craftstar

was making offers to meet the staff and APB design issues.

Craftstar representative Ken Mergenser tried to convince APB members that their redesigned project was actually superior to the Pulte design. He said their product should not be viewed as “low-end” as far as the current market is concerned.

He also noted that in their experience about 60 percent or more of Craftstar purchasers opt for upgrades that could raise the selling price of units to the \$375,000 to \$425,000 range.

At meeting’s end, five of the seven APB members (Keith Chernikoff, Sheldon Goldberg, Jim Cohen, Emmett Jordan and Chairman George Branyan) were sufficiently persuaded that the design features were getting close enough to the original DSP requirements that they would recommend to council that the city consider modifying the covenants to allow the Craftstar project to go forward.

APB members Sandra Lange and Brian Gibbons disagreed. They were not sufficiently convinced that granting approval for only the 151 Craftstar homes was the appropriate policy to pursue. They noted the infrastructure problems and that the potential for departure from the higher-priced Pulte design could set the tone for any future development in the area. They opposed going forward in view of all of the uncertainties concerning ultimate developments in Greenbelt West.

The APB agreed that the chairman would draft a proposed report encompassing the recommendation for approval of the design modifications. That report would be considered for final approval and transmission to council at APB’s next meeting scheduled for September 2.

## Center Is Site for Blues Festival September 12

Saturday, September 12 Roosevelt Center will be alive with the annual Greenbelt Blues Festival, a free event offered by the New Deal Café.

The festival will take place outdoors from 2 to 8 p.m. and then move indoors inside the Café from 8 to 11 p.m. A wide variety of local musicians will perform including the following (in order of appearance): the Blue Dog Band with Ed Crowley, Ida Campbell and Blues Nation, Kerq with Kevin Robinson, the Andy Poxon Band, the Capital Blues Ensemble, Johnny Grave, Anthony “Swampdog” Clark and the Blues Allstars, the Stacy Brooks Band and Joseph Stich and the Outer Fringe. In case of rain in the afternoon the festival will move inside to the Café. This event is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts, with support from the City of Greenbelt, and Prince George’s County.

## Voter Registration

The Greenbelt Neighbors Alliance, with the cooperation of the Greenbelt Labor Day Festival Committee, will have a Voter Registration Table in Roosevelt Center on Saturday and outside the Professional Building, 115 Centerway (overlooking the booths, rides and stage) at other times.

Anyone who would like to register to vote or is registered but needs to change the address may do so near the Professional Building on Friday, September 4 from 6 to 8 p.m.; Saturday, September 5 from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. (in Roosevelt Center); Sunday, September 6 from noon to 5 p.m.; and Monday, September 7 from 1 to 4 p.m.

## Brown Bag Features Artist C.W. Peale

The Belair Mansion Brown Bag Lunch Lecture begins its fall season with a free discussion of Charles Willson Peale: saddle-maker, archaeologist, patriot, denture-maker and – as he is best known – artist.

Join Historic Properties Manager Pam Williams at noon on Tuesday, September 1 at the Belair Mansion for a look at one of America’s most famous artists. Bring a lunch. Coffee and tea will be provided.

Belair Mansion is located at 12207 Tulip Grove Drive in Bowie. No reservations are required. Call 301-809-3089 or email [museumevents@cityofbowie.org](mailto:museumevents@cityofbowie.org).

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was looking further upstream in GHI neighborhoods for mitigation of the outfall, such as with rain gardens and rain barrels.

The city has been awarded \$137,425 in grant funding for the project and staff also noted that Greenbelt Homes, Inc. (GHI) has provided \$35,000 in additional funding because a portion of the project area is located on their property. The planning staff recommend that council approve the so-called final plans for the project dated October 13, 2008, so the project can proceed with actual final design, acquisition of permissions this winter and possible construction beginning in spring 2010.

Councilmember Rodney Roberts has objected to the expected tree loss from the project. At the August 10 meeting he repeated concerns he had made earlier that there needed to be more attention devoted to the catchment area in the vicinity of Laurel Hill, Hillside and Greenhill Roads to divert much of the stream flow that has been causing deterioration of the stream banks downstream. Hruby discussed an ESA report evaluating the possible location of a bio-retention facility in that area addressing Roberts’ concerns.

Their report concluded that while installation there of a bio-retention device would help to improve water quality and attenuate runoff, ESA does not believe that the device alone would result in a stable stream channel downstream, because that part of the drainage area represents only about 6 percent of the overall drainage area.

Roberts also lamented the number of trees to be sacrificed for the project, which he said he could not support. In the final vote the project design was approved four to one.

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The bus depot, which is next to the middle school, temporarily will lose some land during construction. Delmar pointed out how the school meets many environmental criteria to make it a LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) building. The classrooms will face southeast to make effective use of the sunlight. The soccer field will cover a geothermal pump that will help heat the building. And the courtyard allows for natural light in all rooms.


School officials invited members of the public to see the effectiveness of the LEED architecture by visiting public events at other new schools in the area, including Vansville Elementary in Beltsville.

### Access to the School

Access to the school was called into question by several people, including Ann Davis, a representative of Berwyn Heights Advisory Committee on Education. She asked about a safer system to get to school for students who need to cross Greenbelt Road.

Lawrence Fryer, chief operating officer of Support Services, answered that it was only recently that the school system, not the Department of Transportation, had the responsibility for such crossings. However, the new building does not have a budget for an overpass. Such an overpass would cost on the order of \$1 million, according to Mayor Judith Davis. Davis agreed that Greenbelt should also be working for safer crossing, potentially looking at an overpass.

The new building has been approved for design by the state and is still on schedule for a 2010 opening. The next large hurdle will come in December, when the state is to allocate the money currently earmarked for this project.



### Maryland Boy Choir 27<sup>th</sup> Season Auditions

**Sunday, August 30<sup>th</sup>, 2:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m.**  
**Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center**  
**University of Maryland, College Park**

Boys ages 8 and up with unchanged voices are eligible to audition. Ideal candidates are boys who like to sing and are interested in becoming part of an excellent musical ensemble; previous singing experience and music-reading skills are not required. The choir rehearses during the school year on Wednesdays from 5:00 until 7:00 at the Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center. The Maryland Boy Choir has performed in most of the major concert venues in the Washington metropolitan area, has toured in the US and Europe, and won a Grammy award in 2000.

To schedule a 15-minute audition, contact the choir’s new director, Brian Gendron, at 540-239-9081, or send an email to [auditions@marylandboychoir.org](mailto:auditions@marylandboychoir.org)  
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August 15, 7:36 p.m., Golden Triangle Drive at Walker Drive. The suspect entered the vehicle of a driver stopped at a stop sign. Suspect then drove the victim to an ATM, forced him to withdraw an undisclosed amount of cash and released him without injury. The vehicle was later recovered unoccupied in the 6000 block of Greenbelt Road. Suspect is described as a black male with medium complexion, 5'9" to 5'10", 150 to 160 pounds, possibly with a mustache, wearing a black skull cap, black shirt and blue jeans. Anyone with information about this case is asked to contact the Criminal Investigations Unit at 240-542-2133.

**Robberies**

August 14, 1:05 a.m., Breezewood Drive at Cherrywood Terrace. A male was approached by two suspects who displayed a handgun and demanded money. After he gave them money and cellphones they fled in a blue minivan. The victim was not injured. Suspects are described as two black males, 18 to 20 years old, 5'7" to 5'10", 150 to 170 pounds, with black hair, wearing dark clothing.

August 14, 11:01 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. The victim was approached by three suspects who grabbed the food the victim was delivering. They fled on foot and the victim was not injured. Suspects are described as three Hispanic males, 18 to 20 years old, 5'7" to 5'10", 150 to 170 pounds, all wearing white T-shirts.

August 16, 11:38 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. The victim was approached by two suspects who displayed a handgun and told the victim to lie on the ground.

Police Blotter

Based on information released by the Greenbelt Police Department,  
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Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

They stole the victim's wallet with an undisclosed amount of cash and fled on foot. The victim was not injured. Suspects are described as black males. One is 5'8" with a thin build, shoulder-length black hair, wearing a black shirt and dark pants. There was no further description for the other male.

August 16, 11:40 p.m., 5800 block Cherrywood Lane. The victim was approached by two suspects who displayed a handgun and demanded money. After stealing a wallet and cellphone they fled on foot. The victim was not injured. Suspects are described as black males. One is 20 to 28 years old, 6'0", 150 to 160 pounds with long black dreadlocks, wearing dark-colored clothing and the other is 20 to 28 years old, 6'0", 150 to 160 pounds, wearing a black T-shirt and blue jeans.

**DWI**

August 14, 3:26 a.m., Springhill Lane at Breezewood Drive. A 32-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol, driving while intoxicated and driving with suspended license, among

other traffic charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

August 19, 12:31 a.m., 100 block Westway. A 33-year-old male resident was arrested and charged with driving under the influence of alcohol and driving while intoxicated, among other traffic charges, after a traffic stop. He was released on citations pending trial.

**Burglaries**

August 13, 5:09 p.m., 7000 block Megan Lane, nothing taken since home was vacant.

August 13, 12:50 p.m., 7000 block Megan Lane, a purse and currency were taken.

August 14, 7:41 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, a television, two video game systems, currency and a handgun were among items taken.

August 15, 9:34 p.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, nothing taken since apartment was vacant.

August 16, 4:23 p.m., 7900 block Belle Point Drive, nothing taken.

August 18, 6:43 a.m., 7300 block Sunrise Court, two laptop computers, a purse and currency

were among items taken.

August 18, 7:52 a.m., 20 Court Southway, nothing taken.

August 18, 8:39 a.m., 9 Court Southway, a laptop computer, cellphone, keys and currency were among items taken.

August 19, 8:10 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Road, a laptop and DVD player were taken.

August 19, 5:45 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, two televisions, two game systems, and a safe were items taken.

August 19, 8:11 p.m., 6000 block Springhill Drive, a 27-year-old resident male was arrested and charged with third-degree burglary, fourth-degree burglary, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after breaking into a vacant apartment. Suspect was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

**Drug Arrest**

August 15, 10:37 p.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a juvenile resident was petitioned for possession of drug paraphernalia and released to a parent pending action by the juvenile justice system.

**Vandalism**

August 14, 11:13 a.m., Crescent Road at Hillside Road, graffiti was found on tunnel walls.

August 16, 5:52 p.m., 6200 block Springhill Drive, graffiti was found on laundry room walls.

August 20, 9:06 p.m., Unit block Greenway Place, suspects were observed spray-painting graffiti on the playground. They are described as a white male, 16 to 20 years old; a black male 16 to 20 years old with black hair, brown eyes and a backpack; and a white female, 16 to 20 years old with long blond hair.

August 21, 9:50 a.m., Unit block Greenway Place, additional graffiti was found on and around playground equipment.

**Vehicle Crimes**

A gray 2006 Chevrolet Trailblazer with MD tag 04619M3, was stolen from the 9000 block of Breezewood Terrace.

Thefts from vehicles occurred in the 7700 block Cloister Place (items included an XM radio), 100 block Centerway (wallet), 7700 block Hanover Parkway (airbags), 7200 block South Ora Court (battery charger), 6200 block Greenbelt Road (front MD tag 20756M3), 6000 block Greenbelt Road (GPS and radar detector). An attempted theft from auto was noted in the 200 block of Lakeside Drive.

Vandalism to cars (broken windows) occurred in the 6000 block Greenbelt Road, 6500 block Springcrest Drive and 8000 block Greenbury Drive.

Two stolen vehicles and one stolen tag were recovered in separate incidents, with one arrest for the latter.

The Department is offering a reward of up to \$500 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of a suspect in any of the unsolved crimes reported in the blotter. People may anonymously report suspected drug activity by calling the Drug Tip Line at 301-507-6522.

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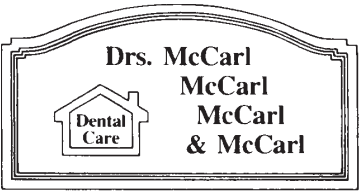
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This celebration of 100 years of service makes the College Park Airport the oldest continually operating airport in the world. The airport has a field of firsts including the first military aviation school, first U.S. Postal Air Mail Service and first radio-navigated aids developed and tested by the Bureau of Standards.

A reproduction 1909 Wright Military Flyer will be unveiled at the AirFair. The Wright Experience of Warrenton, Va., with support from the Discovery of Flight Foundation, re-created the machine used to train the first military officers to fly. The flyer will roar to life, returning sights and sounds to College Park that have not been seen or heard in 100 years. The reproduction Military Flyer will make its permanent home at the College Park Aviation Museum and will become a permanent, interactive teaching tool. Visitors may bring an envelope or postcard and get a special airmail cancellation commemorating 100 years of aviation history.

The afternoon air show includes the Misty Blues Skydiving Team; Greg Koontz, the Flying Farmer and Decathlon Aerobatics; Kevin Russo, T-6 Texan; Otto the Helicopter; Bob Essell, the Ultralight Wingwalker; and Dan Buchanan, Hanglider Routine.

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On August 18 Greenbelt Police made two arrests in connection with the recent burglary cases that occurred in the 100 block of Westway. Arrested were Alec Gary Wilbur, 18, of 6522 Lake Park Drive and Dijan Alphonso Gaye, 18, of 7700 Cloister Place. Both were charged with first degree burglary and theft over \$500. In addition Gaye was also charged with possession of a handgun. Both were turned over to the Department of Corrections. No further information is currently available and the investigation is continuing.

### Attempted Robbery At Bank of America

Greenbelt Police reported an attempted robbery at the Bank of America in Beltway Plaza at 3:04 p.m. on Tuesday, August 25. The bank was then closed and reopened shortly after 5 p.m. Police said nobody was injured or arrested. They had no further details to report at this time. An investigation continues.

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## Library Hours to Be Cut, Renovation Set for Winter

by Eli Flam

The Greenbelt Public Library will lose nine hours weekly beginning Monday, October 4 as cutbacks throughout the Prince George's County Library system seek to reduce a \$2.4 million budget gap. At the same time, a six-month-long, \$640,000 renovation of the Greenbelt branch is set to begin by early winter. New hours from October 4 are 1 to 9 p.m. Monday and Tuesday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Wednesday through Friday and 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday.

#### Sunday Hours

From Sunday, September 13 the Bowie, Hyattsville and Oxon Hill branches will be open year-round on Sundays from 1 to 5 p.m. All branches will be closed Monday, October 12; Thursday, December 24 through Sunday, January 3, 2010; and Monday, June 7, 2010.

A hiring freeze started last year within the library system will continue. In addition, purchases of books and materials and regular equipment maintenance budgets will be

reduced.

Bridget Warren, chief of library public relations, sees two "upsides" for Greenbelt, however: 1) a switch from double staff shifts to a single shift that will provide better service and 2) the forthcoming renovation.

#### Renovation

Among changes taking place with the renovation, new wifi and computer stations for public use will be added and energy-efficient lighting, painting and "a completely spruced-up" meeting room will brighten the public space. Funding includes a matching grant from the state.

"Unfortunately," said a library statement, "the decreased funding comes during an unprecedented increase in the demand for services such as job search info and public computer use." Many library services, it was noted, can be found at [www.pgcmpls](http://www.pgcmpls). These include online tutoring, downloadable audio books, e-books, language learning service, SAT prep and almost 60 reference databases.

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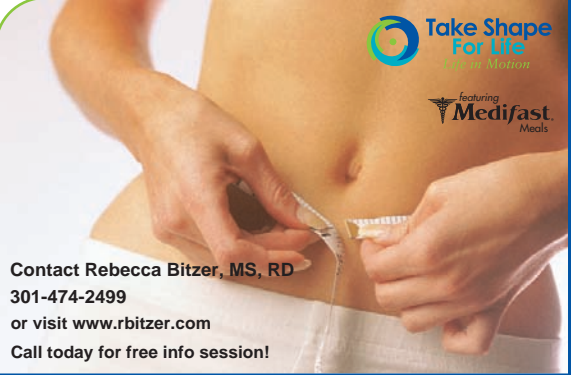
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# GES Teachers Immerse Themselves in the Arts

by Matt Wasniewski

While students enjoyed their summer holiday, Greenbelt Elementary teachers have helped poise the school to take a giant step towards an arts-integrated curriculum. In July, five teachers and the principal attended the intensive Maryland Artist-Teacher Institute (MATI) program. Teachers volunteered an unpaid week of their summer vacation, spending 15-hour days to develop lesson plans, make contacts and attend workshops that focus on bringing a range of arts – puppetry, poetry, drama, dance, visual arts and music – into the classroom. Principal Kimberly Seidel and teachers Dara Case, Beth Novick, Robin Godfrey, Juanita Malone and Lynne Maydag represented the school.

“At MATI,” noted Seidel, “the teachers immersed themselves in five days and evenings of arts workshops based on our Maryland Voluntary State Curriculum. Many inspiring ideas were presented to challenge and engage all students – to transform learning into ‘hard fun.’”

“The PTA is grateful our faculty members sacrificed a portion of their summer vacation to be part of this,” said Mimi Noorani, PTA president. “I am impressed at how energized the teachers sound.”

## Arts Education

MATI is part of a burgeoning statewide and national movement to increase arts in education. Research increasingly points to the importance of this initiative. According to the Kennedy Center Changing Education through the Arts partnership, the proven benefits of an arts-integrated curriculum are higher test scores, improved student behavior with less disciplinary referrals and higher attendance.

“Integrating arts into the curriculum goes beyond developing children’s artistic abilities,” said music teacher Dara Case. “All children learn differently. Arts provide a well-rounded way to appeal to children’s different learning styles – to ‘show what they know’ in a way that crosses language borders, cognitive abilities and even physical challenges.”

MATI attendee Lynne Maydag spoke of her previous teaching experience at an arts integration school in Bowie. “Integrating arts into the lesson was an opening to fully engage lower performing students while pro-

viding a deeper experience for the higher performing students,” Maydag said. “I was impressed by the level of thinking it stimulated, what the students were able to produce and how much they enjoyed doing it.”

“The transformation this initiative has had on other schools is incredible,” said kindergarten teacher Robin Godfrey. “Not only in terms of the school becoming a more beautiful, art-filled space but also in the joy and engagement it brought the students – and teachers.”

## Artists-in-Residence

Two artists-in-residence are planned at the school next year: Dishebaum, an African drumming troupe and InterAct Story Theatre, a drama group discovered at the MATI conference.

“InterAct Story Theatre’s use of drama to richly enhance literacy was very appealing,” said teacher Juanita Malone. “They had a magical way of getting children to express themselves and identify with characters in a story. In addition the program recognizes a child’s need to move which should resonate well, particularly with our more kinesthetic learners.”

## Contributions Needed

The PTA is hoping to support these efforts by establishing and raising money for an arts fund. In addition, it is seeking contributions of clean fabric, buttons, felt, construction paper, scrapbooking paper and other quality art papers. Donations are also being sought for rhythm instruments such as shakers, triangles, bells, xylophones, washboards and other instruments. Donated art materials and instruments will enhance classroom lessons. All items can be dropped off at the school front office during regular hours.

“This is going to be an exciting year for learning at GES,” said Noorani. “Parental and community support will be critical in reaching our goals but I strongly believe the results will be worth it. When our school thrives, everyone benefits.”

“As teachers we are always looking for students to enjoy coming to school and to enjoy learning, to fully engage them,” said sixth grade teacher Beth Novick. “I think this program – like each of our students – has great potential.”

*Matt Wasniewski is a parent at GES.*

# Safeway Launches “School Dollars”

Safeway’s fifth annual 10 percent Back to Schools in-store initiative is now open and will run through September 15. Safeway and 100 food manufacturers are joining in the effort to support students and education nationally by donating 10 percent of the sale price on over 2,000 selected products.

Customers are asked to purchase eligible products using their Safeway Club card to automatically accumulate donations that will go to the school of their choice. The products are marked with a special yellow school bus icon on store shelves. At the end of the program customers will receive a final donation receipt totaling their “school dollars” to take to the chosen school for online redemption. The 200 highest-earning schools will receive a \$1,000 bonus added to their overall donation. Those who participate in Safeway’s eScrip rebate program will also benefit from 10 percent Back to Schools, with final accumulated totals automatically donated to their registered eScrip school or organization.

Last year’s program, which began with 40 manufacturers and a few hundred items evolving into a storewide initiative with thousands of participating name brands, generated nearly \$215,000 for Mid-Atlantic region schools during the four-week campaign. The initiative is especially important as many public school systems face unprecedented budget cuts, eliminating courses, increasing class size and asking parents to shoulder fees and assessments for previously free extracurricular programs.

## Free Arts Workshop

Arts Specialist Aaron Springer will lead a fun creative arts workshop for children ages 3 to 8 with their parents. This free drop-in class will be held on Sunday, August 30 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road in College Park. Email [info@cpae.org](mailto:info@cpae.org) or call 301-927-3013 for more information.

# Local Artist Exhibits At U.S. Courthouse

An exhibit of recent works by Diane Tuckman and Russell Cather Levi in fine art photography and art photography on silk is at the U.S. District Courthouse at 6500 Cherrywood Lane through October 26. It is open to the public from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. For a personal tour call 301-441-9548, email [Dtuckman@gmail.com](mailto:Dtuckman@gmail.com) or visit [www.iteachsilkart.com](http://www.iteachsilkart.com).

# Who’s that Masked Rider?



The U.S. Postal Service will make a presentation following the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade on Monday, September 7 to honor the Lone Ranger television series with a commemorative stamp. Be on hand to see the popular masked man (actually a look-alike) and his trusty white horse Silver.

# Festival Notes

## Carnival

The carnival midway opens Friday, September 4 at 6 p.m. and will be open

Saturday from 11 a.m. to 11 p.m., Sunday from noon to 11 p.m. and Monday from noon to 6 p.m. Discount vouchers for ride wristbands are available at the Co-op until September 4.

## Information Day

Information Day will be held Saturday from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Publicize a group, cause or organization by staffing an information table. The deadline has been extended and applications are available for download at [www.greenbelt.com/laborday/Information.htm](http://www.greenbelt.com/laborday/Information.htm) or by calling David Pitts at 301-345-9605.

## Parade

The Lone Ranger and Silver will be at the Festival and part of the parade. Immediately following the parade, the Lone Ranger postage stamp will be officially unveiled.

## Entertainment

On Saturday night the Mary Shaver Band ([www.maryshaverband.com](http://www.maryshaverband.com)) will perform onstage



from 8 to 11 p.m. Bruce Swaim will perform jazz music on Sunday from noon until 2 p.m. The Reagan

Years ([www.thereaganyears.com](http://www.thereaganyears.com)) will be on stage Sunday night following the crowning of Miss Greenbelt. The Hubcaps ([www.hubcaps.com](http://www.hubcaps.com)) will perform on Monday from 2 to 4:30 p.m.

## Shuttle

The committee is looking for volunteers to drive the shuttle. The shuttle runs throughout the festival and drivers work in shifts. Call Brian York at 301-474-4610 if interested. The shuttle has four stops throughout Greenbelt. There is no set schedule but a shuttle will be at any given stop every 15 to 20 minutes.

## Pageant

At 6 p.m. Monday, August 31, join Little, Junior and Miss Greenbelt at Chevy’s in Greenway Shopping Center for a back-to-school night. This will be one of the last appearances for the 2008 Misses Greenbelt.

See the insert in this week’s paper for more information on the 2009 Labor Day Festival.

# 9/11 Memorial Walk On Laurel Trails

The Freestate Happy Wanderers Walking Club will sponsor an afternoon 9/11 Memorial Walk on Friday, September 11 at the Montpelier Mansion, 9650 Muirkirk Road in Laurel.

The 5-km trails include a walk along residential sidewalks. The trail is suitable for wheelchairs and strollers. Registration is from 1 to 4 p.m. and people should finish the walks by 7 p.m.

For more information or a brochure call 301-717-3604 or email [kindfellow1@comcast.net](mailto:kindfellow1@comcast.net). Commemorative buttons will be available while supplies last.

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